

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

### **LISTING OF CLAIMS**

1. (Original) An article comprising a transparent coating, wherein the coating has a thickness of at least 30  $\mu\text{m}$ , a relative elastic resilience to DIN 55676 of at least 70%, and a scratch resistance corresponding to a score of not more than 2 in a steel wool scratch test according to DIN 1041 after 10 double strokes.
2. (Currently Amended) The ~~coating~~ article of claim 1, wherein the coating has an elastic resilience of at least 74%.
3. (Currently Amended) The ~~coating~~ article of claim 1, wherein the coating has an elastic resilience of at least 78%.
4. (Currently Amended) The ~~coating~~ article of claim 1, wherein the coating has a thickness of at least 40  $\mu\text{m}$ .
5. (Currently Amended) The ~~coating~~ article of claim 1, wherein the coating has a transmission >90% for light with a wavelength between 400 and 700 nm.
6. (Currently Amended) The ~~coating~~ article of claim 1, wherein the coating has an adhesion in accordance with DIN ISO 2409 to degreased float glass and degreased stainless steel 1.4301 of GT/TT 0/0.
7. (Currently Amended) The ~~coating~~ article of claim 1, wherein the coating has on a pigmented basecoat an adhesion according to DIN ISO 2409 of GT/TT 0/0.

8. (Currently Amended) The ~~coating~~ article of claim 1, wherein the coating is a thermosetting coating.
9. (Currently Amended) The ~~coating~~ article of claim 8, wherein the coating is prepared from a curable coating material.
10. (Currently Amended) The ~~coating~~ article of claim 9, wherein the coating is thermally curable.
11. (Currently Amended) The ~~coating~~ article of claim 9, wherein the curable coating material comprises organic and inorganic constituents.
12. (Currently Amended) The ~~coating~~ article of claim 11, wherein the curable coating material has an ignition residue of at least 10% by weight.
13. (Currently Amended) The ~~coating~~ article of claim 1, wherein the coating is prepared from a coating material comprising an aqueous dispersion with a pH of from 2 to 7 comprising
  - (A) at least one swellable polymer and/or oligomer containing at least one functional group that is at least one of an anionic functional group, a potentially anionic functional group, and/or a nonionic hydrophilic functional group,
  - (B) surface-modified, cationically stabilized inorganic nanoparticles of at least one kind, and
  - (C) at least one amphiphile.
14. (Currently amended) The ~~coating~~ article of claim 13, wherein the aqueous dispersion, based on its total amount, has a solids content of up to 60% by weight.
15. (Currently amended) The ~~coating~~ article of claim 13, wherein the aqueous dispersion, based on the sum (A) + (B) + (C), contains
  - from 1 to 30% by weight of (A),
  - from 60 to 98% by weight of (B), and

- from 1 to 10% by weight of (C).
16. (Currently amended) The ~~coating~~ article of claim 13, wherein the at least one polymer and/or oligomer contains anionic and/or potentially anionic functional groups and has, at a pH of from 2 to 7, an electrophoretic mobility  $\leq -0.5$  ( $\mu\text{m/s}/(\text{V/cm})$ ).
  17. (Currently amended) The ~~coating~~ article of claim 13, wherein the inorganic nanoparticles (B) are selected from the group consisting of main group metals, transition group metals, and their compounds.
  18. (Currently amended) The ~~coating~~ article of claim 13, wherein the at least one amphiphile is selected from the group consisting of monoalcohols and aliphatic polyols.
  19. (Currently Amended) A process for producing a scratch-resistant coating ~~the coating of claim 1~~ comprising applying a coating material to a substrate or to an uncured, part-cured, or cured film present thereon, and curing the coating material, wherein the coating material, which following its solidification or curing, has an elastic resilience to DIN 55676 of at least 70% and a scratch resistance corresponding to a score of not more than 2 in a steel wool scratching test according to DIN 1041 after 10 double strokes.
  20. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 19, wherein the coating material is applied by spraying.
  21. (Currently Amended) The ~~coating~~ article of claim 1, wherein the coating is on a surface of a substrate, and the coating protects the substrate against damage by mechanical exposure and/or provides for decoration of the substrate.
  22. (Currently Amended) The ~~coating~~ article of claim 21, wherein the substrate is one of a motor vehicle, a motor vehicle part, a building, furniture, a window, a door, an industrial part, a coil, a container, a packaging, an electrical component, a white good, a film or hollow glassware.

23. (New) A method of testing scratch resistance of a coating, comprising providing a coating on an article, the coating having a thickness of at least 30  $\mu\text{m}$ , and determining if the coating has a relative elastic resilience to DIN 55676 of at least 70%, and a scratch resistance corresponding to a score of not more than 2 in a steel wool scratch test according to DIN 1041 after 10 double strokes.